

the Thrill of Hope

MESSAGE NOTES

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Realize that Jesus came to not only be your Savior and Lord, but also to be your source of Life

1. Jesus arrived and fulfilled God's promise to send the "Snake Crusher"

Luke 2:25-32

Romans 8:24-25

2. Once you've responded to the Gospel, you will still have inconsolable longings this side of Heaven

Romans 8:22-23, 26

There is a groaning, there is an expected disconnect between what has been accomplished and yet what we still have to live with as forgiven people on a broken planet

John 10:10

"We live every day with inconsolable longings that God built into us, desires that will never be fully satisfied until we live in the next world. We were designed to live as part of a perfect community in a perfect world as perfectly loving people. That longed-for reality does not exist now."

Larry Crabb, *Inside Out*

1 Peter 1:13

Ephesians 1:18

3. In the midst of your ache for what only Heaven can provide, stay clear from filling that space with anything but Jesus

Jeremiah 2:13

Should I be thirsty anymore now that I have Jesus?

John 7:37-38

"We were designed to live in relationship with Someone unfailingly strong and lovingly involved who enables us to fulfill the important jobs that He assigns. Without relationship or impact, life is profoundly empty. Nothing – not imperfect friends, not impressive work, not excitement, not pleasure – can fulfill that hollow core except what we were built to experience. Nothing can satisfy our crucial longings except the kind of relationship that only God offers."

Larry Crabb, *Inside Out*

"Jesus, I'm thirsty – let me look to you alone to be the One who satisfies that thirst"

Now What?

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